



We Welcome Our Guests to Ankeny

First! At today's worship service we pray that you will sense a new and energized connection with the presence of God as we worship through singing, praying, learning, and experiencing together. We invite you to tear off the Connect Card, fill it out and drop it in the offering baskets.

Worshipping at Ankeny First

Children are always welcome in worship, and "Worship Bags" containing children's activities are available for them to use. Childcare is provided on Sunday mornings for infants and toddlers, as well as Sunday School for children ages 3 and up. Just ask an usher for assistance in finding the nursery or Sunday School rooms. A "Wee Care" Room is located in the balcony of the Uptown Sanctuary, so little ones can play while parents watch and listen to worship.

Special Needs At our Uptown location, large print hymnals and bulletins, and wireless hearing aids are available—ask an usher for assistance.

Fellowship You are all invited to Fellowship Time! **Uptown:** Between the three Sunday services in Fellowship Hall. **Faith Chapel:** Between both services. **Christian Life Center:** Between both services. **Spirit Alive:** Before worship.

Communion The first weekend of each month. Healing oil is also available in the Uptown Chapel after communion.

Worship

Uptown: 206 SW Walnut St ~ 964-4249

Saturdays 5:00pm ~ Spirit Alive

Sundays 8:30am ~ Traditional

9:45am ~ Relaxed Contemporary

11:00am ~ New Traditions

Christian Life Center: 710 NE 36th St ~ 289-9153

Saturdays 7:15pm ~ "The Road"

Sundays 9:00am & 10:45am ~ Contemporary

Faith Chapel: 7384 NW 16th St ~ 964-4249

Sundays 9:00am ~ Traditional

10:30am ~ Casual

Sunday School

Uptown:

9:45: 3yr old -7th grade

11:00: 3yr old -5th grade

9:45: Seekers (adult)

9:45: Alpha & Omega (adult)

9:45: Disciple's Dojo (adult)

Christian Life Center:

9:00: 3yr old -5th grade

10:45: 3yr old -5th grade

Faith Chapel:

10:30am ~ 3yr old-3rd grade

Nursery available at all Sunday services.

At Ankeny First, we are intentional in keeping our Membership Covenant to uphold the United Methodist Church by our PRAYERS, PRESENCE, GIFTS, SERVICE & WITNESS:

PRAYERS: The following are some of our joys and concerns:

Hospitals: Mercy: Jim Lawton Mill Pond: Mary Doubleday **Sunnyview:** Joyce Lundstrom, Marilyn Sewell, Dean Stall **Blank:** McKenna Riebkes **Discharged:** Doug Altman, Daniella McCracken, Pat McCollaugh

PRESENCE: The following are attendance figures from last week:

WORSHIP: (The Road)32 (Sat)40 (8:30)166 (9:45)129 (11:00)94

(CLC-9:00)262 (CLC-10:45)113 (FC-9:00)45 (FC-10:30)19 Total = 900

SUNDAY SCHOOL (Uptown)64 (FC)- (CLC)68

GIFTS: Last week's offering for Christ's work here and around the world:

Operating Budget \$25,615.98 Cap. Campaign \$6,670.00 Mission \$1,443.00 Other \$80.51

In Mission

July Mission of the Month In July, we will focus on getting school supplies for students that struggle to purchase them on their own right here in Ankeny and beyond. There are two causes we are highlighting:

InGathering School Bags—Pick up the empty school bags at any of our worship sites. Inside each bag you will find instructions and a supply list to fill the bag. These are basic supplies, geared for basic education in third world countries where supplies are sometimes nonexistent, but are also distributed in the U.S. from time to time after disasters. Return the filled bags to the designated In-Gathering bins at any of our three sites.

Project Fresh Start—This program provides students in Ankeny with free school supplies and backpacks. They accept any supplies for any grade (they will then be organized for distribution on Aug. 4 & 6). Supply lists can be found on the Ankeny School District & Ankeny Christian Academy websites and also at many local retailers that sell supplies. Please drop supplies in our designated Mission of the Month bins **by July 22!**

Watch for sales to begin and take advantage of them! Monetary donations are encouraged as well. Please find a "Mission of the Month" envelope at THE CONNECT or write "July Mission of the Month" in your check memo.

Diaper Day All are welcome to join us in sewing diapers for orphanages in Haiti on Saturday, **July 23**, 8:30-11:30am in the Uptown Fellowship Hall. We need servants to cut, pin, turn, hem, as well as those who are willing to bring sewing machines. Contact Lynda Smith, 289.2570 or Nancy Miller, 964-8669, with questions. We made 100 diapers at our last workshop; perhaps we can make as many on July 23! Bring a friend.

UMW Rummage Sale & Bake Sale Details The **Aug. 5-6** UMW rummage sale at the Christian Life Center is quickly approaching! *Donations* will be accepted Wednesday, Aug. 3 beginning at noon, and on Thursday, Aug. 4 from 8:00am-3:00pm at the CLC. We'll need lots of help...youth too! Please see the CONNECT CARD to sign up and you will be contacted with further details. Note that daycare will be provided during the set-up times so moms can help out too! Any questions can be directed to Mary Johnson, 964-5591.

How to Help at the Agape Garden Regular work hours: Tuesdays & Thursdays 6:00pm-dusk; Saturdays 8:00am-noon at Faith Chapel. This is a great way for your small groups or families to be in mission together. You don't have to have a green thumb to help...all gardening skill levels welcome! If these times don't work, call the church office to make other arrangements, 964.4249. See the CONNECT CARD to sign-up and commit to helping this coming week!

UMCOR Health Kits are sent to those who have endured natural disaster or human conflict in the U.S. and around the world. The list of the seven items needed is available at The Connect. Please pick-up a list and return items or complete kits to the UMCOR tubs *by October*. The \$2 for shipping and \$1 for toothpaste should be returned to the church office. Thanks for all the kits that have been returned so far...keep them coming!



Prayer Requests

- Please keep this confidential to pastors and church staff only.
- Please put this on our public prayer chain.

- I would like to speak with a pastor or someone from our Christian Care Ministry about this request.

Hospital Notices

Name _____

Hospital _____

Date _____

Ministry Opportunities

- I would like to help with Popsicles in the Park & Bottles for Bikers **Wed., July 20.** email: _____ phone: _____

- I would like to help at the Agape Garden this week.
 - Tues. 6pm-dusk
 - Thurs. 6pm-dusk
 - Sat. 8am-noon

- I can assist at the Uptown office.
 - On Tuesdays
 - As Needed

UMW Rummage Sale Volunteer Needs

- Unload donations (strong backs needed)
 - Wed., Aug. 3
 - Thurs., Aug 4

- Organize and price donations
 - Wed., Aug. 3
 - Thurs., Aug 4

- Arrange & deliver donations to tables
 - Wed., Aug. 3
 - Thurs., Aug 4

- Donate to the bake sale

Be a cashier Aug. 5 Aug 6

- Drive my pick up truck
 - Wed., Aug. 3 (morning) to bring tables from Uptown to the CLC
 - Sat., Aug 6 (noon) deliver items that didn't sell to Bidwell, and return tables to Uptown

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More announcements on reverse side.

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Uptown Campus ~ Traditional Worship July 17, 2016 ~ 8:30am

PRELUDE

WELCOME / *CONGREGATIONAL GREETING

*CALL TO WORSHIP Worship Leader: Melody Webb

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN "God Whose Love Is Reigning O'er Us"
#100 vs. 1,3,4,5

*OPENING PRAYER/WORDS OF PARDON & ASSURANCE

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*PRAISE

PRAYER

CHILDREN'S TIME

OFFERING OF OURSELVES

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 18:16-33

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PRAYERS/THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

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SCRIPTURE Hebrews 11:1-2; 8-19

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***BENEDICTION**

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Keyboard: Christine Stone **Worship Team:** Julie Quick-Alcorn

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HYMN SING

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

*OPENING HYMN "We Gather Together" #131

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*WORDS OF PARDON AND ASSURANCE

*OUR RESPONSE "Glory Be to the Father" #70

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ~JOYS, CELEBRATIONS & CONCERNS

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SCRIPTURE Genesis 12-25

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